









## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FREEMAN MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Saghalien*, with the next  
freeman mail, left Saigon at 6 p.m. on the 24th,  
and may be looked for here on the 27th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Tokio*, with the  
next American mail, left San Francisco on the  
22nd and is due here about the 29th inst.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The E. and A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Menmuir* is expected for Hongkong on the 12th, and may be expected here about the 26th instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Phae* left Singapore on the morning of the 1st, and may be looked for here on or about the 14th instant.

The steamer *Vortigern* left Sydney on the 16th inst., and may be looked for here on or about the 13th August.

**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published once each day in our Extra, which is always directed to a much later hour than that given below.

**A MAIL WILL CLOSE**

For Swatow and Amoy.—Per *Albion*, to-day,  
at 26th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

For Manila.—Per *Envy*, to-day, the 26th  
instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Esmeralda*, to-  
day, the 26th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Ramus*, to-day, the 26th  
instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Peking*, to-day, the 26th  
instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Haiphong.—Per *Nona*, to-day, the 26th  
instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Keihow and Haiphong.—Per *Actie*, to-  
morrow, the 26th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Consolation*, to-  
morrow, the 27th instant, 9.30 A.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per  
*Wales*, to-morrow, the 27th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
For Swatow.—Per *China*, to-morrow, the 27th  
instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
For Shanghai.—Per *Fookiang*, to-morrow, the  
27th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Haifong.—Per *Himalaya*, to-morrow, the  
27th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Saigon.—Per *Pernambuco*, on Saturday,  
the 29th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Foochow, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne, &c.—Per *Cullerhan*, Monday, the 31st instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Kobe and Nagasaki.—Per *Sumida Maru*, August 4th, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Sunda*, Saturday, the 5th August, at 11.30 A.M.

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His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to approve of the following hours for posting the English Mails till further notice, on the days mentioned below:—

Thursday,	Aug.	the	3rd.
Dn.	"	"	17th.
			31st.
00 P.M.	—Money Order Office closes.		
00 P.M.	—Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.		
06 P.M.	—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.		
10 P.M.	—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until		
30 P.M.	—when the Post Office closes entirely.		
06 P.M.	—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, and newspapers without late fee, until 9.30 P.M.		

When the supplementary mail will be closed: Circulars will be returned to the Post Office.  
After 9.30 P.M. Letters may be placed in the Loose Box for treatment at Singapore.

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**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT  
MAILS.**  
**THE DRENCH MAIL.**  
DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE (on SATURDAY if the departure be on Monday).  
P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes at the night box, which is always

open out of office hours.

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**DAY OF DEPARTURE**

A.M., Post Office opens.

6 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

1 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

1.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

1.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.

1.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
The French Contrast Packet "YANGTSE" will be despatched on **THURSDAY, the 27th inst.**, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.  
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES  
PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet "COPTIC" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 29th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru &c., which will be closed as follows:—

11.15 A.M. Registry ceases.

11.30 A.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Letters. Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post

The omission of the seal is not sealed that is to say, the box is not fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with a recognisable seal, and of sending a child to look or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether any part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

1.—Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Post Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as in Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits Settlements, and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long; 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than 1 lb., not be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear the special endorsement, Parcel, containing no letter, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the Case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and

all is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parnels for India is compulsory.

**RATES OF POSTAGE.**

Letters, per 3 oz.	10 Cents
Post Cards, each	3 Cents
Books, Patterns, and Commercial Papers, per 2 oz.	2 Cents
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	2 Cents
Registration	10 Cents
Do. with return receipt	15 Cents
Commercial papers signify	papers as

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per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.



